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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 21

1. WP (PAGE 9) FROM PARIS REPORTS LE MONDE AS SAYING BREZHNEV HAS ACCUSED SYRIA OF PROLONGING THE CIVIL WAR IN LEBANON AND HAS ASKED THE DAMASCUS GOVERNMENT TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS.
2. WP (PAGE 17 "AROUND WORLD" ITEM REPORTS FOREIGN REPORTERS IN MOSCOW WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTACT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DIRECTLY INSTEAD OF APPLYING THROUGH THE MFA. ALSO STAR.
3. SUN (PAGE C-1) REPORTS FROM BALTIMORE SARKIS PASKALINN A CONFESSED SOVIET SPY, TESTIFIED FOR HIS COUSIN IN FEDERAL COURT, SAYING HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SAHAG DEDEYAN, AS A RELATIVE AND ARMENIAN, TO ASSIST HIM IN HIS ESPIONAGE EFFORTS. ALSO STAR.
4. WSJ (OP-ED PAGE) "SOVIET RUSSIAS LOSS" CONCLUDES THAT SMALL AS THE EXILE COMMUNITY IS IN RELATIVE TERMS, NO NATION CAN LOSE SUCH PEOPLE AS AMALRIK, SOLZHENITSYN,

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GENETICIST MEDVEDEV AND THE OTHER EXILES WITHOUT SUFFER-

ING A SEVERE DIMINUTION OF QUALITY AND NATIONAL CHARACTER.

5. CSM (PAGE 5) SAM COHEN FROM ISTANBUL SAYS TURKEY'S DECISION TO AUTHORIZE KIEV PASSAGE THROUGH TURKISH STRAITS TAKEN THERE AS A SIGN OF ITS DESIRE TO AVOID ANY CONTROVERSY WITH THE SOVIETS OVER THE MONTREUX CONVENTION.

6. CSM (PAGE 12) ELIZABETH POND FROM TBILLISI REPORTS THAT AFTER A LENGTHY CENSORSHIP BATTLE GEORGIAN FILM DIRECTOR OTARI IOSELYANI'S LATEST P8EM TO HUMANITY, THE FILM "PASTORALE", HAS OPENED THERE -- BUT NOT YET IN MOSCOW.

7. STAR (PAGE 2) PICTURE, CAPTION STORY OF MRS. ONASSIS IN MOSCOW. ROBINSON

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